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My dear F.<sup>d</sup>  
Geo. W. Walker

A negro labour of mine, who has a son, a prisoner in New Orleans Land, has applied to me to try if I could get to know anything respecting his character: his name is John Ward, his residence at — Mcgregor's & Elizabeth St. Hobart Town. The occupation of Ward's master is also desirable to be known, and whether Ward is really such a character as to be benefitted by any little help from his parents. Is he a teetotaler? Is he associated with any community of Christians, &c.? I think it is not very long since I wrote to thee respecting some copies of my Narratives sent out. I suppose these have not long left England. Should I not have mentioned it, I should wish one of the African to be presented to F. B. Crouch with my love, and if thou judge it suitable, one of each to Geo. & Agnes Dixon, with a similar message. I have sold as many of each as clears the actual outlay upon them, & my time & labour I willingly give for the purpose of promoting the object of our united labours. — I do not remember if I told thee that our little tract, The Way of Salvation by Jesus Christ, has been translated into Danish and a considerable quantity sent to the F. B. C. in Norway for circulation. The young man at Newcastle, employed by my cousin Edw. Backhouse jr. to translate it declined taking any thing for his trouble, stating that he considered himself amply repaid by the edification he had rec<sup>d</sup>. from it. This tract has been printed by one of the F. B. C. Soc. of Friends in America, where I hope it may be useful under the divine blessing in counteracting unsound views of Christianity. Probably thou mayst have heard from R. L. Priestman since her return from America. I am sending her another copy of my Australian Narrative, with one of each for thy sisters at Newcastle which I present them with on account of their interest respecting thee.



Isabel Cresson & John Pease are still in America, and Susan  
& Annath Clark, Sarah Cullen & Lundy Murray Hoag are  
still in England, the three first about Bristol, where S Cullen  
is indisposed, feeling keenly the humidity of our climate at this  
time of the year. Miss Clark also feel but they are not  
laid up by it. They are very energetic people with loud voices.  
S. H. Hoag is said to be juvenile in his appearance, to have in  
an emphatic degree given up all for his master's service & to be  
abundant in labour. Our frd. & son Priestman has lately had  
a few public meetings at Malton, with Rail-road Excavators,  
the people collected from the highways & hedges, &c. Many other  
frds are in the field, and Robt Lundy of Brighouse & Pease  
Robson of Huddersfield both lately recorded as approved min-  
isters are liberated for the formidable work of visiting fam-  
at Manchester. Since the decease of Eliza Robson of Liverpool  
her husband has removed to near their son Isaac at Huddersf.  
where he is very comfortable & can help to erect Isaac at liberty  
for religious service. Sarah Robson, Isaac's wife is a good sister,  
sister to Esther wife of Rev. Liebohm. Bury. is set out on reli-  
gious service in Newcastle. I have lately been holding public  
meetings (19 in number) in the mountain districts in the N. W. of  
this county, chiefly in places where Friends have meeting houses,  
Lancashire some service among the Friends of Lately, led by Rev. Rich-  
mond. Mr. Hays. The two latter belong to Westmoreland. Rev. Mr.  
Lambert many of the Friends are small trading farmers, feeding  
the small flocks of sheep on the fells which form what are  
the Q. Lundy would be called back to their farms. The people  
live in great simplicity, the watching men sing what they call  
a psalm to take out to the sheep when they go upon the mountains,  
this is taken as exactly the language of the Q. L. and indeed their  
conduct is held in high esteem, with much of their primary  
faith. Some of the Friends in this part are distinguished by  
their simplicity. They wear just the simple dress of plain country  
people. Their meetings are small but their meetings however  
not very remote one from another. There are some valuable  
people among them. I was present at Hollins in Decr. date within  
the compass of 20 years meeting with Eliza L., an aged, kind hearted



woman, who is alluded to in the remarkable account of her  
sister, Marget Greenwood, in J. B. Brown's part of Purity Promoted,  
as one of those being about to be married to a person whose first  
name was John. Her John (John) proved a valuable husband  
& was many years an acceptable minister in Le-gate meeting.  
He has been deceased about 10 years. An Elder named John Johnson  
formerly in the hosiery trade in Kendal is an inmate in this family  
possibly thou might know him. In part of this journey I had the  
company & help of Thos Handley, who is a farmer of the kind I have  
named, belonging to Dartmouth meeting. He is about 40 years of age & has  
stood on record as an approved minister about two years. I found him a  
true gospel helper in the work, & he went with me on foot, by which  
means we saved much distance & kept more comfortably by a road  
than we could have done if riding in a gig. After returning  
I attended the interment of Thos. Handley, a pious & tract, who was  
removed in the prime of life by an affection in his service on a small  
plot. He was one who remarkably <sup>throve</sup> to see how the days were  
to keep pace with the day and to discharge his duty towards others  
in christian love, and when he came rather suddenly to have  
his eternal world in view, he had little to do beside extending  
exhortations to those around him, and commending the faith of  
the gospel on the ground of his present and past experience,  
reveling much on the sense he had of divine support and acceptance  
through a crucified Redeemer. He had for some time spoken in meetings  
& was often concerned to give admonition where he saw it was  
needed. At his grave side I met J. M. Hodgkin jr. Thos. Humphrey  
& Martha Thornhill, all of whom were engaged in religious labour  
in a subsequent & far meeting. I conclude thou wilt have been  
apprised of the decease of thy sister at Saffron Walden. Her last  
days seem to have been made comfortable by her residence there, &  
I heard the state of her mind spoken of comfortably. I wrote yesterday  
to Jas Dickinson for half a dozen more tree ferns. The last came  
safely, tho' but for thy letter, on which I instituted an inquiry for  
them, they would probably have been lost. However kindly intentioned  
captains of vessels may be, they are apt to forget things in the  
hurry of London, it is therefore generally best to despatch things  
under a bill of lading. Should there be opportunity of getting  
two or three of the Asplenium minutissimum from Macquarie Harbour  
I sh. be glad of them. Thou wilt perhaps remember this tree fern has  
rough leaf stalks. - I sold <sup>who was</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>at</sup> Macquarie Harbour  
when we were there, & told me to buy the other day!



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My Bro Sister & Children send their love to thee, mine is also to thee &  
to thy Sarah & the other members of the family as if married. Remem-  
ber me also to my other Brother John. When at <sup>Spartan</sup> ~~Hartford~~  
I was guest with the Smiths of Close House who are much relations  
of Rd Benson of Lauceston, and who seemed pleased with the  
accounts they had recd of him. We continue to receive pleasant  
tidings from Africa - The School at Cape Town goes on  
well. - I had an agreeable letter from A. Davy a short  
time since giving me some particulars of the meeting at  
Sydney. I also had one from J. Fawell the week, he has got